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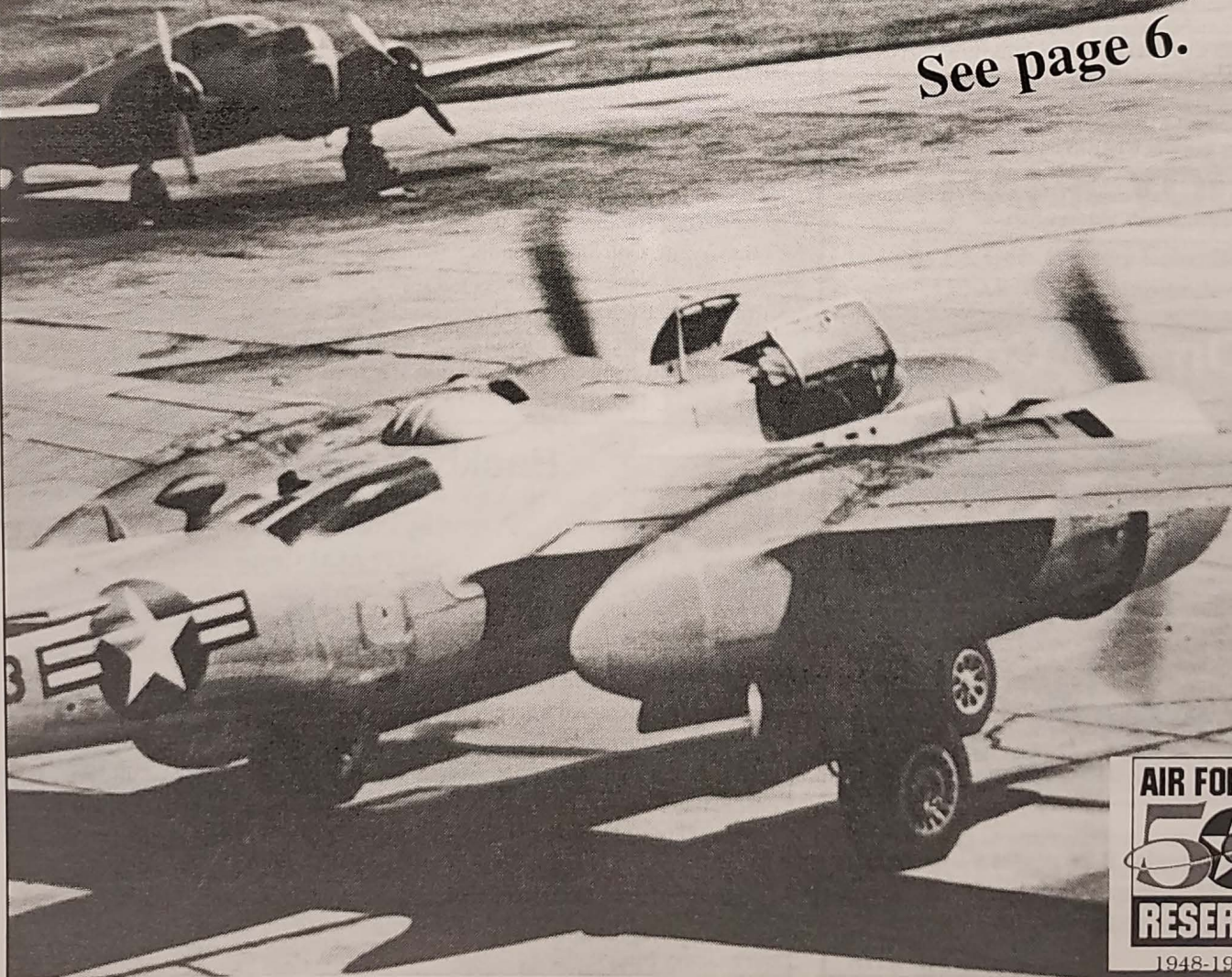
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507th ARW Mission: Recruit, train, equip, and retain personnel for deployment and support of DoD peacetime and wartime taskings.

History of the

Air Force Reserve at Tinker

See page 6.



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On the Cover...



Air Force historical photo

The Douglas B-26 passes a Beechcraft AT-11 "Kansas" Bombardier Trainer at Tinker AFB, circa 1949.

Another challenge overcome

By Col. Martin M. Mazick
507th ARW Commander



Once again, Well-done "OKIES!" We passed our UCI. Your hard work and efforts did not go unnoticed. Here are some of the specific IG comments I would like to bring to your attention: "Within all areas of safety, broad samplings

indicated overall sound safety programs;" "Financial Management functions were performed in a timely and accurate manner;" "Training and Readiness processes were sound across the wing;" and "Wing members exhibited solid force protection awareness as evidenced in multiple scenario response exercises." Our firefighters performed a simulated aircraft emergency response exercise for the IG. Col. Mixon and I were able to watch it, and our guys did great! Our core business practices proved sound, and the IG team designated 29 of our folks as "Superior Performers." Congratulations to all.

The IG team did leave us some feedback for improvement. One area I would like to bring to your attention deals with Resource Accountability (read ownership). Every one of us is charged with the proper treatment and accountability for the government equipment that we are issued to do our jobs. For the most part we do a good job of this. We can, however, do better. How, you ask? By adopting the ATTITUDE that this is OUR facility and equipment, even if we do not sign a hand receipt for it. We are working hard to improve campus facilities and provide you with the best equipment to do your job. It is everyone's responsibility to keep our facilities looking good and in good working order, as well as properly protected. In the long run, we all benefit. So let's not put the books on the shelf until the next inspection. Let's keep up low impact maintenance on all our programs, so we can keep up with future changes and needs.

Finally, congratulations to our new Colonel selects! We had four "OKIES" picked to be promoted: Lt. Col. John Fobian, OG/CC; Lt. Col. Barry Roberts, CLSS/CC; Lt. Col. Steve Gentling, our new MDS/CC; and Lt. Col. Laura Talbot, Chief Nurse. Also, one of our own, Brig. Gen. Lou Ferraro, a former 507th Deputy Commander for Maintenance, was selected for his second star as the Mobilization Assistant to the AMC/LG. Gen. Ferraro is the second non-rated Okie to reach two-star rank, following Maj. Gen. S.T. Ayers. WELL-DONE ALL!

Backbone of the Reserve

By Col. Kenneth D. Suggs
513th ACG Commander



Air Mobility Command designated 1998 as "The Year of the Enlisted Force." It is appropriate that we recognize and celebrate our enlisted force in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary of the Air Force Reserve. Enlisted people are the backbone of the Air Reserve Forces. They're our maintainers, our flight and mission crewmembers, and our support personnel. In short, they are the ones who ensure that things get done, day in - day out. Their dedication and commitment to duty and their many personal sacrifices are America's strength. This year is a great time to reflect on both stellar and the routine contributions and accomplishments of our Senior NCOs, NCOs and Airmen. It's time to celebrate them for who they are - America's strength and the foundation of our military forces!

Letters of Recognition

SUBJECT: 507th Air Refueling Wing
Deployment to Istres AB, France

FROM: 4th Air Force/CC

21 Jan 98

I was extremely pleased to receive the attached letters regarding your unit's deployment to Istres AB. Colonels Rensler and Mayes wrote to identify "forward leaning" efforts to not only complete the mission, but to better conditions for those to follow you.

Please pass my sincere thanks to the men and women of the 507th ARW for a job well done. I have come to expect nothing less than a stellar performance from them. Keep up the good work!

WALLACE W. WHALEY, Maj. Gen., USAFR
Commander

FROM: 16th Air Expeditionary Wg/CC

11 Jan 98

1. I was fortunate enough to visit our operation at LeTub while Col. Marty Mazick was deployed. The operation there is an "ambassadorship" as well as Operation Joint Guard SFOR AOR support. The members of the 507th ARW have excelled in both areas.

2. Please give my thanks to Colonel Mazick and the great Americans he commands in our nation's services.

M. SCOTT MAYES, Colonel, USAF
Commander

FROM: 16th Expeditionary Operations Gp/CC

5 Jan 98

1. It has been our pleasure at Istres AB to host Col. Marty Mazick and the members of the 507th ARW while this unit was deployed to Istres.

2. The 507th ARW has been an extremely "forward leaning" organization, highly committed to re-establishing the KC-135 presence in France. Their concern for doing things right and their recognition that this is a long-term operation has resulted in significant improvements to the work area. Recommendations they have initiated and which have been approved will greatly enhance the tanker mission and help achieve "seamless" changeovers between units.

3. I am sorry to see them depart. Please pass on my thanks for a job well done.

KYLE W. RENSLER, Colonel, USAF
Commander

McIntosh Sends

By Maj. Gen. Robert A. McIntosh
AFRC Commander



It is no secret Air Force Reserve Command is in a period of significant change. Many external and internal factors are causing us to re-evaluate almost every aspect of how we do business.

One area which causes us special concern is recruiting and retention of our pilot force.

Normally, our pilot force is primarily built from a pool of military pilots who join the Air Force Reserve when their active-duty commitment is complete. Economic trends are developing now which may soon force us to adjust our recruiting and retention approach.

We chartered a rated officer management board at Air Force Reserve Command to review manning projections and establish pilot hiring requirements. Working in conjunction with Reserve recruiting, the board will provide continuous oversight of rated manning as the command begins to actively recruit pilots. This initiative is not designed to replace local recruiting and retention programs, but to establish a focal point for a command-wide review of our overall manning levels. The board also will work to match active-duty applicants with specific units, maximizing the number of pilots we can place in flying positions.

THANK YOU

By Lt. Gen. Charles Robertson
15th Air Force Commander



Marty, just a short note to let you know, once again, how very much I enjoyed my visit with you and the men and women of the 507th ARW last week. Everything from the mission briefings, to the update

on your operations, to the tour of your facilities, to the time you gave me with your folks was right on the mark! Overall, I was thoroughly impressed with the "esprit de corps" and professionalism of everyone I met.

I realize the visit was short, but it gave me a great appreciation for your "First Class" operations. I heard the concerns that you and your folks raised and am working them. I'll keep you posted as we make progress. And, along those lines, my offer remains: If there's EVER anything that you see that I can help you with, or anything you think I need to know, please don't hesitate to call.

Once again, Marty, my thanks to you and your staff for a very productive visit it was EXACTLY what I needed. Please pass my sincerest appreciation to all of your folks who contributed to making my short stop such a resounding success!

Keep 'em flying...SAFE!

Notice to Airman

By Gen. Michael E. Ryan
Air Force Chief of Staff



President's Budget

The FY99 President's Budget was submitted to Congress on Feb. 2. It funded the Air Force at \$63 billion and increased spending for people programs, modernization and implementation of the Quadrennial Defense Review. The budget provided a 3.1 percent military and civilian

pay raise, protected the Military Family Housing program and supported legislation to improve retention. Bottom line the Air Force emerged with a budget that supports its people and keeps our Air Force vision in Global Engagement on-track.

Gender-Integrated Training

How the Services train men and women, particularly at basic training, has received a lot of attention lately from the Secretary of Defense (SECDEF), Congress, and senior military leaders. During the last year, two independent studies were conducted for the SECDEF. The first was in conjunction with Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services' (DACOWITS) annual base visits where, for the first time, DACOWITS members met with trainees. The SECDEF just forwarded DACOWITS' findings to the Service Chiefs last month (January 1998). The SECDEF also established a Federal Advisory Committee on Gender-Integrated Training and Related Issues, chaired by former Senator Nancy Kassebaum Baker. SECDEF sent the advisory committee report to the Services in December, 1997 and asked for written feedback by March 1998. In addition, the 1998 National Defense Authorization Act created a "Commission on Military Training and Gender-Related Issues." This Commission will review the Services' basic training programs and recommend improvements to those programs. Its report is due to Congress by September, 1998.

As you can see, gender-integrated training is one of the key issues facing senior civilian and military leaders. Many of the recommendations are not the same. We are looking hard at how we accomplish our training to meet Air Force needs. We'll provide policy decisions resulting from these studies in future NOTAMs.

Recent Enlisted and Officer Promotion Policy Changes

In October, 1996, Air Force policy changes opened up Senior NCO Academy (SNCOA) resident and non-resident programs to master sergeants. Since all master sergeants now have the opportunity to complete senior level PME, evaluation briefs will display SNCOA completion beginning with the 1999 E-8 promotion cycle. Method of completion (resident vs. non-resident) will not be shown.

The Air Force policy governing officer promotion declines was also recently changed. In a return to pre-draw-down policy, the Air Force no longer requires commanders to administratively remove officers who have declined promotion from the promotion list. Instead, these officers will remain on the list and cannot meet another promotion board while on the list. They may, however, accept the promotion at any subsequent time.

In addition, we are supporting a legislative change to Title 10, United States Code, that would give Service Secretaries the authority to change separation characterization from "involuntary" to "voluntary" when, in the opinion of the promotion board, an officer has been non-selected for promotion based upon his/her personal request. Under these circumstances, an officer would not be eligible for separation pay. The legislative change requires Congressional action, and we have formally begun that process.

Anthrax Vaccination Program

In December, the DoD announced plans for the systematic vaccination of all U.S. military personnel against the biological warfare agent anthrax. Since the end of the Cold War, U.S. forces deployed overseas have been subjected to an increased threat from chemical and biological agents (e.g., more than 25 countries have or are suspected of developing a chemical or biological warfare capability.) One of the most well known, and deadly of these agents is anthrax. When inhaled by unprotected humans, anthrax is 99 percent lethal. As an expeditionary force, we cannot subject Air Force members to worldwide deployments without some protection.

Fortunately, anthrax can be completely countered with a safe and effective vaccine. Initially, the anthrax vaccine will be administered to military personnel assigned or deployed to Southwest Asia and Northeast Asia. Within the next several years it will be given to all active duty and reserve personnel. The vaccine is FDA-licensed and has been widely used since the early 1970s. The vaccine has an excellent safety record with fewer adverse reactions than standard mobility vaccinations such as influenza (flu) and typhoid. "I've (CSAF) had two shots in the series of six and only had a little bump on my arm." We'll provide more detailed information on the anthrax vaccination program in future NOTAMs.

347th Aerospace Expeditionary Wing Deploys to Gulf

As tensions increased in the Gulf region, the 347th Aerospace Expeditionary Wing (AEW) deployed to Bahrain in support of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH. The AEW included F-15s from Eglin, F-16s from Moody, B-1s from Ellsworth, KC-135s from Fairchild, and a Patriot Battery from the 3rd Battalion, Fort Bliss. In addition, the 2nd Aerospace Expeditionary Group (AEG) deployed to Diego Garcia with B-52s from Barksdale refueled by KC-10s from Travis. The 8th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (EFS), composed of F-117s from Holloman, landed in Kuwait with support from KC-135s from McConnell. AWACS and Rivet Joint were also deployed to augment the existing forces in theater.

This is the sixth time an expeditionary force has deployed since the concept was implemented in 1995. With each deployment, the expeditionary force becomes lighter, leaner, and more lethal. We are looking at how we should adjust our Air Force structure to meet our expeditionary operations in the future.

Future NOTAM items:

- Results from various DoD Task Forces
- Update on Competitive Sourcing and Privatization (O&P)
- "Operationalizing" Quality (Special Interest Commanders' NOTAM)
- The AEF and our Strategy (Special Interest Commanders' NOTAM)
- Readiness Update



513th Air Control Group members Maj. Bryan Dickson, mission crew commander, and Lt. Col. George Gorham, director of operations, standby after a recent mission out of Homestead AFB, Fla.

Reservists support Persian Gulf buildup

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. (AFRC News) - Whether hauling cargo to Southwest Asia to bolster U.S. presence in the region or shuttling supplies to a remote location in South America, Air Force reservists are serving on almost every continent.

As of mid-February, more than 1,000 Air Force reservists are deployed overseas, with a third of those involved in the buildup of U.S. troops in the Persian Gulf.

"People are this command's greatest asset," said Maj. Gen. Robert A. McIntosh, AFRC commander. "Airplanes and other modern, high-tech equipment provide us the means with which to accomplish our mission, but the people of Air Force Reserve Command do the job. It is important to note that all Reserve requirements since the end of Desert Storm (1991) - and there have been many - were filled by volunteers.

In addition to the current build-up, reservists continue to support Southern Watch, enforcing the no-fly zone in southern Iraq. Reserve air refueling units from Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mich.; Beale AFB, Calif.; Grissom Air Reserve Base, Ind.; and March ARB, Calif., are deploying KC-135s to Saudi Arabia in February and March. Units from McConnell AFB, Kan.; Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.; and Tinker AFB, Okla., are also sending crews to Saudi in March.

Academy seeks candidates

By TSgt. Tyrone Yoshida
507th ARW Public Affairs Office

The Air Force Academy is always on the lookout for young men and women interested in being educated for service and leadership in the Air Force.

Anyone between the ages of 17 and 21 on July 1, is an unmarried citizen of the United States, has no dependents, is of good moral character, has a well-rounded background, and who desires entry into the Air Force Academy should contact Lt. Col. Barry K. Roberts, commander of the 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron.

As an Air Force Academy liaison officer for high schools in the Norman area, Roberts is also available to help prospective candidates in the 507th Air Refueling Wing with the application process.

According to Roberts, active duty, Reserve, and Air National Guard airmen are eligible for appointments. Approximately 85 appointments in each category are available.

The Air Force Academy provides a four-year program that includes an academic education along with leadership development and athletic participation. Graduates receive bachelor of science degrees and commissions as second lieutenants in the Air Force.

Lt. Col. Roberts may be contacted at 739-5375.

A Bomb Wing at Tinker Field

By Lt. Col. Donald W. Klinko
507th ARW Public Affairs Office

(The following is the second in a series of articles about the history of the Air Force Reserve at Tinker AFB.)

It is unclear when the decision was made to form an operational unit around the corps of reserve pilots retrained by the 177th Army Air Force Base Unit (177 AAF BU). What is known is that the AAF senior staff had not made the decision to do so at the close of World War II, but that by 1948, senior staff members of the newly-independent United States Air Force had publicly admitted to the Air Force Reserve program's being something of a shambles. To their credit, the Air Staff blamed themselves rather than the members of the Air Force Reserve, and were well on their way to fixing the problem. In fact, reserve pilots across the nation quickly became dissatisfied with their "flying club" organizations and complained bitterly. They were displeased at not being paid—receiving only retirement credits—for their monthly "inactive duty" flight training, but they accepted this situation when the mood of an economy-minded Congress was explained to them. What they continued carping about was their equipment. They insisted that they could better contribute to national defense if given more capable aircraft and a more clearly defined mission. In any event, the decision to form a combat capable air reserve unit at Tinker Field evidently had been made within six or seven months after the 177 AAF BU's activation. The latter unit's January 1947 official history contains the first vague reference to activation of an operational air reserve unit: "The Personnel Section anticipates an acute shortage of administrative personnel when the Wing, Bomb Group, two Squadrons, and Tow Target Squadrons are activated."

The February 1947 official history contains more definite information. Development of navigator and bombardier training programs were, in fact, underway. The tentative bomb wing also had a commander appointed: Colonel William C. Lewis, Air Corps Reserve, who has been selected to command the 310th Bomb Wing (Light), reported to this organization Feb. 19, 1947. Immediate steps were taken to select Air Reserve personnel for the manning of the bomb wing. On Feb. 27, 1947 Colonel Lewis and Colonel Adams departed this station for Headquarters Tenth Air Force for the purpose of conferring on matters pertaining to the activation of the 310th Bomb Wing (Light).

Of course, plans to activate an Air Force Reserve combat

unit to replace the "former officer's flying club" at Tinker Field did not occur in a vacuum. Similar activations were taking place at Army Air Forces installations across the nation, and very quickly at that. As the Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area (OCAMA)—Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center's ancestor at Tinker Field—had maintenance and technical advisory responsibility for flying operations located throughout the Midwest, the sudden creation of numerous reserve flying units in the region caused a marked increase in the depot's responsibilities. The OCAMA official history for January—June 1947 gave some indication of how suddenly the Air Staff changed its collective mind about how to employ its reserve forces:

The National Guard
Program and the Air

See "History," page 7.

B-26 Douglas "Invader"



Originally designated as an A-26, and redesignated B-26 in 1948, the Douglas "Invader" was perhaps the best reciprocating-engine light bomber ever designed, and it remained in the U.S. Air Force inventory for many years. The aircraft gained an enviable reputation in the latter years of World War II. German interceptor pilots quickly learned that the A-26 could absorb considerable battle damage, carried a heavy defensive armament of up to 16 .50-caliber machine guns and 14 high-velocity aerial rockets, and maneuvered more like a night fighter than a bomber when they attacked it. As the B-26, it flew both the first and last bombardment missions of the Korean War, and flew its last combat strike in Vietnam in 1969. The last Douglas B-26 aircraft were phased out of the Air Force's inventory in 1972.



Mar 98 Schedule of Events

Date/Time	Meetings, Etc.	Location
Fri, 13 Mar 98		
1300	Pre-UTA Cmdr Staff Mtg	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1300	Training Managers Mtg	Bldg 1043, TNET Rm
1400	Pre-UTA First Sgt Mtg	Bldg 1043, TNET Rm

Sat, 14 Mar 98

As Designated by Unit	Sign In	As Designated by Unit
0730-0930	Newcomers In-Processing	Bldg 1043, Rm 201C
0800-1600	Ed&Tng Open/Walk-in Service	Bldg 1043, Rm 206
0900-1000	3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng	Bldg 1066, OG Conf Rm
0900-1000	Self Inspection	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
1000-1500	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
1000	Mobility Rep Meeting	Bldg 1043, TNET Rm
1030	First Sgts Meeting	Dining Hall, Sun Rm
1300-1400	IG period w/Col Pillar	Bldg 1043, Rm B6, Basement
1400-1500	Training Managers Mtg	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1500-1630	Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph I	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
As Designated by Unit		

Sun, 15 Mar 98

As Designated by Unit	Sign In	As Designated by Unit
0730-0800	Protestant Chapel Service	Bldg 1030, Classroom 2
0730-0800	Catholic Chapel Service	Bldg 1043, TNET Rm
0730-0930	MPF Closed for In-House Tng	Bldg 1043
0730-1200	Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
0815-1115	Supervisor Safety Trng	Bldg 1030, Classroom 2
0800-1115	CDC/PME Course Exams	Bldg 460, Rm 213
0800-0900	Personal Computer Training	Bldg 1066, OG Conf Rm
0830-0930	Enlisted Advisory Council	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
0900-1000	3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng	Bldg 1066, OG Conf Rm
0930-1030	Career Advisor's Mtg	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1000-1200	Human Resources Dev Council	Bldg 1043, TNET Room
1230-1630	EO 2000 Training	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
1300	SORTS Mass Briefing	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
As Designated by Unit		
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HOT TOPICS

- ✓ The horizon never gets closer; but, as we travel beyond, many things become clearer!!!! Take heart too, because, even in storms, the horizon eventually gives way to new hope and clearer scenes!!!! See you when we get there!!!!
- ✓ If you would like more Long Range Info for JULY look in Microsoft Exchange\Public Folders\All Public Folders\Tinker AFB\Bulletin Board\Journey & then open & double click attachment
- ✓ The 507th Wing has another NCOLDP Class dates on page A3.
- ✓ LEAD! FOLLOW! or GET OUT OF THE WAY!! DON'T just watch and complain!
- ✓ CDC Testing is accomplished at 0800 on Sundays of the (main) UTA. You do not have to schedule it. Just show up at 0800 at Bldg 460 (the active duty HQ), Room 213. You need to enter through the South East corner door. If you can not make it, our Education office also tests on Wednesdays. You DO need to schedule this one 24 hours ahead.

Training Planner

LONG RANGE CALENDAR

Mar 98	
05-24	465 ARS Air War College Support
14-15	UTA; LG A & D Groups Supervisor Safety Trng
21-22	LG B Group UTA
31	50% Funds Obligated
Apr 98	
01-08	465 ARS ASEV
03-05	CLSS Off-UTA
04-05	UTA: LG A & D Groups HAZCOM Trng
04-18	CLSS AT- Anderson AFB, Guam
11-25	72 APS AT- Travis AFB, CA
18-19	LG B Group UTA
18-2 May	507 CES AT Rhein-Main AB, Germany
25-26	Quality Awareness Trng
25-9 May	72 APS AT Elendorf AFB, AS
May 98	
01-03	CLSS Off-UTA
02-03	UTA; LG B & D Group Unit Safety Rep Trng
09-10	LG A Group UTA
16-30	507 CES AT Rhein-Main AB, Ge
25	Memorial Day Observed
June 98	
01-14	057 SFS AT Ft Worth, TX
06-07	UTA; LG A & D Group Supervisor Safety Trng
06	Blood Drive
06-20	CLSS AT Ellsworth AFB, SD
07-13	CES Fire Fighters Silver Flag
13-14	LG B Group UTA
13-27	CES AT Rhein-Main, Ge
13-27	CLSS AT Nellis, March, Luke
20-21	Quality Awareness Trng
19-01 Jul	PRIME RIBS AT, Kansas City
21-27	707 CF AT Cannon AFB, NM
30	75% of Funds Obligated

FY 98 Revised UTA Schedule

04-05 APR 98	06-07 JUN 98
02-03 MAY 98	11-12 JUL 98
08-09 AUG 98	12-13 SEP 98
as of 29 Jan 98	

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1400	Pre-UTA First Sgt Mtg	Bldg 1043, TNET Rm
1430	Quarterly Training Review	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm

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Ancillary Training

Newcomers Ancillary Training

Newcomers Ancillary Training Phase I & II are conducted **monthly** in Bldg 1030, Classroom 1 (Room 217). **Unit training managers are responsible for ensuring their new personnel are scheduled to attend** within 90 days of their first UTA. If you have any questions, contact the Education and Training Flight at x47075.

Phase I	Time	Subject	OPR
Saturday	1500-1600	Human Relations	SA
Saturday	1600-1630	Local Conditions-Traffic	SE
Phase II			
Sunday	0730-0800	Base Populace	CEX
Sunday	0800-0900	Drug and Alcohol	SG
Sunday	0900-0945	UCMJ/Ethics	JA
Sunday	1000-1115	Counter Intel/Protection from Terrorism	SP
Sunday	1130-1200	Security Awareness (C4 SATE)	CF

The Mission dictates the schedule.
The schedule does not dictate the Mission.
Don't WAG the DOG!

UCMJ Briefing

All enlisted personnel are required to have the UCMJ briefing within two UTAs of their first reenlistment. This briefing is held during Phase II of the monthly Newcomers Ancillary Training at 0900 on Sunday of the UTA in Bldg 1030, Classroom 1.

Ethics Briefing

All reserve personnel are required to have the DOD Ethics Briefing within 90 days of reporting for duty. This briefing is held in conjunction with the UCMJ briefing during Phase II of the monthly Newcomers Ancillary Training at 0900 on Sunday of the UTA in Bldg 1030, Classroom 1.

Disaster Preparedness

Units may schedule Chemical Warfare training throughout the year by calling the DW office at x45249, NLT one UTA prior to requested class date. Ensure all personnel bring their "go-bag," including gas mask and chemical warfare ensemble to all classes. It is imperative that classes start on time. Anyone arriving late will be reported as a no-show.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Bring gas mask eyeglass inserts if you have them. In addition, please be aware that contact lenses can not be worn during this training.

NCOLDP Dates & Quotas

The NCO Leadership Development Program is a great way for SRA (who have completed course 0001) through MSGts to continue their professional development in a classroom environment. Just as technology and philosophies continue to change, so must leadership skills. Although it may seem that computers and machines will someday replace humans in the work place, they will never be able to replace our need to relate to each other. This fast-paced, information-packed, two-week course is provided in two one-week phases. This makes it optimum for reservists to attend classroom instruction hopefully without too much conflict with their civilian schedules.

If this isn't enough to encourage you to attend, you get two college credit hours in Management for attending. This can be applied to your CCAF or civilian degree. Interested yet? If so, see your Training Manager to see if you are eligible and/or to sign up. Here is the schedule and the quotas for each unit:

Class 98B (phase I): M-F 04-08 May 98	(phase II): M-F 01-05 June 98	
507 ARW - 1 quota	507 SFS - 1 quota	507 LG - 0 quota
507 SG - 0 quota	507 OG - 0 quota	507 LSS - 1 quota
507 CF - 0 quota	507 OSF - 1 quota	507 MS - 2 quotas
507 CES - 2 quotas	72 APS - 2 quotas	507 CLSS - 1 quota
507 MED SQ - 1 quota	465 ARS - 1 quota	507 AGS - 2 quotas
507 MSS - 1 quota	513 OSS - 0 quota	513 MS - 2 quotas
513 AGS - 1 quota	970 AACs - 1 quota	707 CG - 0 quota

NCO Academy In-Residence

Listed below are the FY 98 NCO Academy In-Residence class dates. Staff Sergeants with 8 years satisfactory service, and Technical Sergeants are eligible to attend. Please contact your UTM or supervisor to initiate your application. Applications must be forwarded to 507 MSS/DPMT and received NLT 60 days prior to class start date.

Class	Quota(s)	Dates	Location
98-4	1	14 Apr-21 May 98	Tyndall AFB
98-4	1	14 Apr-21 May 98	Goodfellow AFB
98-5	1	08 Jun-16 Jul 98	Tyndall AFB
98-5	1	08 Jun-16 Jul 98	Goodfellow AFB
98-6	1	03 Aug-10 Sep 98	Goodfellow AFB

Airmen Leadership In-Residence

HQ AFRC is offering **2 quotas** (all of AFRES) per class in the In-residence Airmen Leadership School at Altus AFB, OK. The member must have 48 months Time in Service and be a Senior Airmen (NO EXCEPTIONS). Funding comes from the individual's unit. If interested please contact Base Education Office through your supervisor or UTM. The class dates are as follows:
13 Apr-14 May, 07 Jul-07 Aug, and 24 Aug-25 Sept. This will be done on a First come-First Serve Basis with AFRC. Please apply very early!

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VISION with ACTION can change the world!

BAQ Recertification Deadlines

If your SSAN ends with a 4 or 9 you have until 30 Apr 1998 to recertify your BAQ or have it terminated. Please see your Unit BAQ monitor to complete the AF Form 987. 507th Pay sends the list to Unit BAQ Monitors who must return the list complete with all recertifications to the Military Pay Section.
NOTE: If you don't have dependents, you do not need to recertify.

Military Pay

File for pay by:	Direct Deposit
17 Mar	25 Mar
19 Mar	27 Mar
23 Mar	01 Apr
26 Mar	03 Apr
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07 Apr	15 Apr
09 Apr	17 Apr

Changes ahead for your "Training Planner"

By TSgt. Daryl Sullivan
507th ARW Training Office

Every once in a while, someone or something comes along that just sparks your desire to give more than your all and make it the best, all within your power. Well, this Training Planner has been that spark for me for the past two years. When I came here to the 507th in August of '95, I was asked just to update the UTA Schedule of Events. I gradually received larger assignments and before I knew it, I was doing it all. I often said to myself "Wow! What an awesome responsibility and challenge to be able to have such an influence such as this." I loved it!!

In my two years as being Assistant Editor of YOUR Training Planner, I have made several format changes to get what you see today, passed along many training updates, written groups of articles, and given out tons of educational and financial hints and helps. This has all been to give you, the reader, the most information and help to make the best decisions possible in regards to your career and hopefully in a few cases to your life.

I have received no greater satisfaction from any job than I have from this one. To see so many of you come in to the Education & Training Office and want to find out more about an article on training courses, colleges, classes, or financial assistance has been the best reward of any to date. Because, this means that my customers are looking at becoming better workers, bosses, and for some, friends and people.

Back to YOUR Training Planner. I have often advertised the need for your help and support in making this the best publication which in turn will be able to service you, the customer, even better. In fact, I advertise this on page A-3 of every issue. I want to reiterate this to you now. I know the Training Planner is on the verge of great quality improvements and wonderful new and real issues. Please be a part of it and send anything you would like to see included in the coming issues and know could be of value to one person or the whole Wing.

As you may have picked up on, I will be resigning as the Assistant Editor of the Training Planner to make a very difficult, yet needed, move to the 914th MSF, Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station IAP, New York. I want to take this time to thank some very dear people who have had a marvelous impact on my life.

First to God, who gave me the gracious opportunity to serve such an outstanding unit. Secondly, to Judy McKisson and Dennis Cain, who allowed me this great challenge, who supported and encouraged me all the way. To Majors Miller and Collins- People Commanders. To Colonel Mazick who is making and molding the 507th. And lastly, to you, the reader and supporter, the real reason this publication MUST GO ON!!!! To Protect and Preserve!!!!

Best of success to the 507th and the new folks in the Education Office.....

Performance of RMP's/IDT's

In the interest of clearing up any questions or misconceptions of the performance of RMP's/IDT's, the following brief is provided.

- 1) RMP's must be performed for a MINIMUM of 4 consecutive hours with no maximum--you are authorized to work longer than 4 hours.
- 2) You CANNOT perform more than 1 RMP in a given day or perform an RMP on the same day you perform any other type of military duty.
- 3) RMP's and IDT periods are considered the same in reference to pay or credit for retirement points.
- 4) You are authorized a maximum of 24 RMP's in a fiscal year, this is in addition to the 48 IDT periods (UTA week-end = 4 IDT's authorized each year).
- 5) RMP's and IDT periods--(that are not regular UTA weekends), must be authorized in ADVANCE by your supervisor/commander and should indicate what is going to be accomplished during the period(s).
- 6) ART's are reminded that their timekeeper must sign-off on all 40A's; both RMP's and IDT's.
- 7) If ART's perform an RMP/IDT/AFTP during their normal scheduled workday, they must take annual leave or comp time. Military leave CANNOT be used. Hopefully this will help answer some questions you might have on RMP's/IDT's. Further questions may be directed to TSgt Lindsay, DPMSA AT 4-7491.

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Reserve Program as of Jan. 1, 1947 consisted of very few units requiring technical assistance... and were operating under temporary procedures. In the period of six months, the National Guard and Air Reserve Programs had advanced to the point of representing a considerable portion of the supply workload of this depot and of the Area Activities Branch. Area representatives were primarily responsible for initiating action to obtain, clarify, and standardize operating directives and procedures through close coordination with the various Air National Guard and Air Reserve units, including United States Property and Disbursing Officers and Control Section, HQ AMC [Headquarters Air Materiel Command].

Much needed to be done before the 310th Bombardment Wing (Light) could be activated and even more time and effort would be required to make the new unit combat ready. In March 1947, all reservists receiving training from the 177 AAF BU were still officer airmen; i.e., pilots and a sprinkling of navigators and bombardiers. Furthermore, this was going to be a large, complex organization, and the 177 AAF BU's tiny compliment of officers and enlisted men would be insufficient to administer its training. An extensive recruiting drive to attract reserve enlisted personnel would have to be conducted. Then, too, there was the matter of aircraft. The records are unclear as to when particular types of additional aircraft were received, but between early 1947 and mid-1948, the Tinker Air Force Base reserve unit disposed of its single remaining P-51 aircraft, acquired additional AT-11 aircraft, and took delivery of several similar AT-7 aircraft, the latter designed for training navigators. AT-6 aircraft were retained. In early August 1947, the unit received a single Douglas C-47 "Skytrain" transport aircraft, to be used primarily for air transporting those reservists who lived some distance from Tinker Field to their periodic inactive duty training, thus somewhat alleviating the morale problems of their not being paid for such training periods. Most importantly, even before the bomb wing's activation, it was decided that it should be equipped with the respected Douglas A-26 "Invader" light bombardment aircraft. The bomb wing's reservists were indeed fortunate to receive several of these

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light bombers by mid-1948, with the promise of more.

On Apr. 24, 1947, the 177 AAF BU received authorization to activate the 310th Bombardment Wing (Light) and immediately forwarded a roster of personnel to be assigned to the unit to Headquarters 10th Air Force. Plans were underway soon afterwards to activate the 323d Bombardment Group, and the 455th and 456th Bombardment Squadrons, all subordinate units of the 310th Bombardment Wing. By the end of May, Colonel Lewis had decided, based on the number and geographic distribution of airmen, that the 310th Bombardment Wing could justify and support detached flying units at

facilities other than Tinker Field. Accordingly, after making some site surveys, he recommended that the 340th Bombardment Group (Light) be activated at the Tulsa airport, with the subordinate 486th Bombardment Squadron and 487th Bombardment Squadron located at Tulsa, and the 488 Bombardment Squadron and 489th Bombardment Squadron located at Davis Field, Muskogee. The 310th Bombardment Wing was officially activated on July 10, 1947 in accordance with 10th Air Force General Order (10 AF GO) #41, June 26, 1947. The 323d Bombardment Group and 456th Bombardment Squadron at Tinker Field, the 340 Bombardment Group, 487th and 488th Bombardment Squadrons at Tulsa, and the 489th Bombardment Squadron at Davis Field were activated between Sep.

9 and Nov. 12, 1947, with requests for activation of up to five more bombardment squadrons pending as of early 1948. While the idea of having several Air Force Reserve squadrons, all responsible to a central wing headquarters but scattered about Oklahoma, seemed a sound one in 1947, it should be noted that it evidently did not work very well in practice. All the 310 BW's geographically separated units at Davis Field and Tulsa Municipal Airport were inactivated on Aug. 19, 1949, and both their personnel and equipment were consolidated at Tinker Air Force Base.

Reflecting the US Air Force's having become a separate service in September 1947, the 177 AAF BU (RT) was soon afterwards renamed the 177th Air Force Base Unit (Reserve Training) (177 AFBU [RT]). Because of its increased training responsibilities, the 177 AFBU's small cadre of 1946-1947 had grown to 25 officers and 162 enlisted men airmen members was evidently not a problem, nor was



Brig. Gen. William C. Lewis, first commander of the 310th Air Division awards an Air Medal to Capt. J.M. Worley



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obtaining authorization for additional regular Army personnel to fill Training, Operations, and Evaluation (TO & E) billets in the 177 AFBU. Pilots continued to complain about not having better equipment, but were assured that more B-26 aircraft were on the way. No one's outlook was improved when three of the unit's aircraft—an AT-7, an AT-11, and a C-47—were destroyed in the infamous "Tinker Tornado" of Mar. 20, 1948. The worst obstacle was perhaps even more obvious than the tornado; the 310th Bombardment Wing had recruited very few enlisted personnel by early 1948, and most of these were enlisted aircrewmembers. If it was going to become the self-sufficient organization the Air Force had envisioned, the wing would need enlisted men of many specialties. Officer and enlisted representatives of both the 177 AFBU and the 310th Bombardment Wing met on Jan. 20, to organize a recruiting committee, which subsequently mounted an impressive campaign to recruit enlisted reservists. Enlisted reservists of all services residing in Oklahoma were contacted by mail and invited to join the new reserve bomb wing. The letter pointed out that legislation was pending before congress to pay reservists for "inactive duty," or monthly training periods. The letter emphasized the Air Force Reserve's purely federal responsibilities with a not-so-thinly veiled and very nasty dig at the Army and Air National Guard: "Remember, this is not the state militia! You will not be called upon to serve in local disturbances!" The Feb. 23 letter was intended to give current enlisted reservists an opportunity to claim the wing's most choice assignments. The recruiting committee had talked Oklahoma's Governor Turner into proclaiming Mar. 1-7, 1948 "Air Reserve Week in Oklahoma." During that week, the 310th Bombardment Wing mounted what the

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letter described as "a tremendous barrage of publicity," which included radio announcements, newspaper features, and a number of recruiting booths. During that week alone, the 310th Bombardment Wing recruited 332 men, including 61 veterans who were not reservists. (The Air Force Reserve did not encourage enlistment of non-prior service recruits until 1955.)

Both the 177 AF BU and the reserve organization it oversaw underwent a rather confusing series of reorganizations beginning in April 1948, primarily as a result of the rapid growth of the Air Reserve programs. The 310th Bombardment Wing had grown so large by that time that it was redesignated the 310th Air Division with (by then) Brigadier General Lewis remaining in command. The 323d Bombardment Group became the 323d Bombardment Wing (Light) on the same date, with Lieutenant Colonel R. Ahern commanding. From that point, the 323d Bombardment Wing became the focal point for Air Force Reserve activities in Oklahoma. The 310th Air Division seemed to have become largely an administrative headquarters, and it slipped into obscurity for the remainder of its existence at Tinker Air Force Base, eventually being inactivated on June 27, 1949. (During periods of reorganization or force reduction, it has long been a U.S. Air Force policy to retain in active service those units having the most illustrious service records. While the 310th BW had a fine World War II heritage, the service record of the 323d BG during the same conflict was even more impressive.) General Lewis assumed command of the 323d Bombardment Wing upon inactivation of the 310th Air Division. All of the Tinker Air Force Base units were reassigned from 10th Air Force to 14th Air Force (the descendant of the famed World War II "Flying Tigers") on June 24, 1948, reassigned to 12th Air Force on 1

December 1948, and back to the 14th Air Force on June 15, 1950. The 323d Bombardment Wing's support activities grew also. It gained a maintenance and supply group and a communications squadron on June 27, 1949, a medical group on 5 Nov. 5, 1949, and Air Police, motor vehicle, installation, and food services squadrons on Oct. 22, 1950. The 323d Bombardment Wing reached a peak strength of 253 officers and 1,006 airmen assigned in early 1951.

Meanwhile, the 177 AFBU was expanded and eventually renamed the 2592d Air Force Reserve Training Center (AFRTC) in August 1948. It moved its headquarters to a new and much larger facility in early 1949. In contrast to the tiny cadre of 1946, the 2592d AFRTC had a complement of 35 officers and 253 airmen assigned by mid-1950.

More important than unit redesignations and strength figures, however, was the state of the 323d Bombardment Wing's training and readiness. From the handful of trainer aircraft possessed by the unit at its 1947 activation, the wing's aircraft holdings had grown to 44 aircraft—18 B-26s, with the remainder a mixture of AT-6s, AT-7s, and AT-11s—by June 1950. The wing's readiness had progressed rapidly. Regular bombardment training sorties had been flown since 1948, originally to a range in New Mexico. By June 1950, the 323d Bombardment Wing had received permission to use the artillery range at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, for its bombing practice. Intensive annual training tours had been conducted at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, since 1948. Finally, in June 1950, 14th Air Force inspectors declared the 323d Bombardment Wing a "Class A" reserve unit, which meant it was deemed fully capable of immediate mobilization. It seemed an opportune time: The Korean War had just begun.



Welcome Aboard

By SrA. Mechille Braden
513th ACG UPAR

TSgt. Donna L. Butzer group director for the 513th Air Control Group (ACG), is the newest air reserve technician to be hired by the 513th ACG.

Separated from active duty after 14 years, Donna had been a "tougher" since August 1997.

Good Luck and see you soon

2Lt Scott M. Wilson, 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron (AACS), is leaving for pilot training. Departing this month to go to Columbus AFB, MS, he will return to the 970th AACS next year as a fully qualified pilot. He is the first officer to be sent to the pilot training school from the 513th Air Control Group (ACG). Wilson graduated from OTS with distinction Sept 97.

Upon his arrival in Oct 97, Wilson was appointed executive officer for the 513th ACG and 970th AACS. He established and coordinated the quarterly 513th ACG commissioning board. He was also the POC for information regarding officer vacancies.

While here, he was taken under the wings of the 970th pilots, through whom he was introduced to E-3B "Sentry" cockpit operations. He became familiar with the aircraft through numerous simulations and hands-on experience.

Good luck! Keep in touch! See you soon!

Congratulations

SSgt. Marceca Fischer and A1C. Terrance Everitt became the first enlisted Air Force Reserve airborne

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Originally she planned to work at Fort Worth, Texas. But fate intervened. Her recruiter told her about the new 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron being formed at Tinker AFB. She decided to work here in Oklahoma even though it meant that she would have to commute from her home in Wichita Falls, Texas, every week.

Her short-term goal is to ensure that all personnel programs are functional. Her long-term plans include working hard to ensure the 513th ACG develops a first class, customer oriented military personnel function. Most of all, "I want to be an asset to the group," she said.

970th Airborne Air Control Squadron

Teamwork for defense

By SrA. Mechille Braden
513th ACG UPAR

Going to war? Going to Las Vegas? Or both?

Recently, a joint crew from 964th Airborne Air Control Squadron (AACS) and 970th AACS flew to Nellis AFB, Nevada, to participate in Red Flag.

Red Flag provides a realistic training scenario where various U.S. and allied aircraft crewmembers assess and enhance their war readiness capabilities.

The combined crew, commanded by Lt. Col. Cindy Schafer, 964th AACS, left Jan. 10, for two action-packed weeks. The 970th crew members were Captains Elaine Boyd, Gregor Leist, Bryan Gates and George Mayleben, senior directors for the 970th AACS, 2Lt. Louis Fournier, weapons director for the 970th AACS, and TSgt. Tina Hutts, senior surveillance technician for the 970th AACS.

The 970th AACS crew members flew eight sorties for a combined total of 580 manhours.

An additional benefit gained by the joint crew was the opportunity afforded to active duty personnel to draw upon the vast base of the reservist's experiences.

Besides augmentation,

the 970th AACS also provides training for aircrew members. During the flights, 964th weapons directors were able to hone their skills. That training resulted in crew members from both units becoming mission capable.

During the debriefing, the combined AACS crews were personally lauded by Col. "Stoney" Sloan, Red Flag Deployed Force commander. He cited the crew's outstanding professionalism and unparalleled expertise that helped to define the direction and outcome of the exercise.

"Red Flag is a win-win situation for both the reservists and active duty personnel," said Capt. Tim Frost, 970th AACS Chief of Weapons. "This exercise shows the rest of the military how invaluable the reservists are in carrying out our global mission. It is also a prime example of how smoothly both reserve and active duty personnel can work jointly to meet their objectives."

For the members of the 964th and 970th, the choice of going to war at Red Flag was obvious because it enabled them to fine-tune their war readiness skills.

This summary is designed to give the reader a brief look at some Air Force events which have occurred during the month.

Air Force lodging has toll free reservation number

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS (AFNS) — There's now a toll free number for all active duty and Reserve space-available travelers to use in making Air Force CONUS lodging reservations. The toll free number is 1-888-AF-LODGE (1-888-235-6343).

This toll free number is for Air Force Lodging Operations located in the CONUS (includes Hickam AFB, Hawaii). For overseas bases, a small Air Force lodging directory is still available listing overseas DSN and commercial phone numbers.

Reserve launches unit to protect space operations

WASHINGTON - Air Force Reserve Command officials here announced Jan. 28 the activation of the 310th Security Forces Squadron at Falcon Air Force Base, Colo.

A Reserve associate unit, the squadron will support Air Force Space Command security requirements worldwide. It joins the 7th and 8th Space Operations Squadrons as the third squadron of the recently formed 310th Space Group.

AMC, Boeing name C-17 for Medal of Honor recipient



LONG BEACH, Calif. — In keeping with the "Year of the Enlisted Force," Air Mobility Command (AMC) struck a resounding chord for the enlisted force here Jan. 23 when it named a C-17 after the Air Force's most well-known

enlisted Medal of Honor recipient. Gen. Walter Kross, AMC commander, and John L. Levitow pulled the masking away from aircraft P-37 to reveal its new name — The Spirit of John Levitow — to a crowd of more than 300 people. The C-17 is the first to be named for an enlisted person.

DoD, Air Force plan to immunize against Anthrax

BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, D.C. (AFNS) — Despite the easing of tensions in Southwest Asia, the Department of Defense is still preparing to immunize its members against anthrax, a highly-lethal bacteria which could be used as a biological weapon.

Anthrax is an infectious disease which normally afflicts animals; however, according to military officials, several countries are believed to have weaponized anthrax as a biological warfare agent which, when inhaled by humans,

causes death within a week.

"Vaccination is critical for everybody's protection," said Col. (Dr.) Jim Laub, chief of operational medicine for the Air Force Medical Operations Agency. "Anthrax is 99 percent lethal to unprotected individuals exposed to battlefield concentrations of the agent."

New system allows reservists to volunteer

WASHINGTON (AFRC News) - The Office of the Air Force Reserve in the Pentagon is offering web-based, one-stop shopping for tours of duty to Air Force reservists.

By pointing a browser to the Volunteer Reserve System at <http://134.205.96.217/vrs>, a reservist can review worldwide opportunities from any location with web access.



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March 1, 1954: The Air Reserve Records Center opened at Denver, Colo., to centralize, standardize and preserve reserve personnel records.

March 25, 1968: Continental Air Command activated the 944th Military Airlift Group (Associate) at Norton AFB, Calif., the Air Force Reserve's first associate unit.

March 19, 1982: The crash of an Air National Guard KC-135 near Chicago took the lives of 23 Air Force reservists.

March 15, 1983: The Air Force Reserve activated its first basic military training unit, the 8050th Military Training Squadron, at Lackland AFB, Texas.

March 31, 1991: The Persian Gulf War mobilization reached its peak with almost 23,500 Air Force reservists from the Selected Reserve on duty. Of those, more than 20,000 were assigned to 215 Reserve units and 2,300 were individual mobilization augmentees. Another 960 mobilized people were members of the Individual Ready Reserve or retirees.





March 15, 1996: The Air Force Reserve's first associate airborne warning and control squadron, the 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron, was activated at Tinker AFB, Okla.

March 31, 1996: The Air Force Reserve activated the 4th Combat Camera Squadron, the first reserve unit of its kind, at March Air Reserve Base, Calif.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 UTA • LG A&D Groups • HAZCOM Training • CLSS Off Station • Report of 31USC 1353 payments to JA due • CES Bivouac	6  Blood Drive	7 	8 SLC Business Meeting	9 	10 \$\$\$\$\$ Report Excess Funds to AFRC	11
465 ARS ASEV 1-8 Apr						72 APS AT Deployment
12  Easter	13 	14 MPF In House Training 0730-1030	15 \$\$\$\$\$ Call for 3080 Equipment Requirements	16 	17 	18 LG B Group CES AT Deployment
72 APS Annual Tour Travis AFB 11-25 April						
19 LG B Group	20 3CCG ORI 19 Apr - 1 May	21 	22 72 ABW MARE (casualty) 22-23 Apr	23 	24 	25 Quality Awareness Training 72 APS AT Deployment
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72 APS Annual Tour Elmendorph AFB 25 Apr - 8 May						

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To the Men and Women of 10 AF

By Maj. Gen. David R. Smith
AFRC Vice Commander

My tenure as the commander of 10 AF will soon be over. On Jan. 1, 1998, I assumed my new duties as Vice Commander of AFRC. My replacement has not been named, but I'm sure the new commander will bring new insight and perspective to the position and 10 AF will continue to be the trend setter for the command.

You, the traditional reservists, civilians, and air reserve technicians that make up 10 AF are the very best and brightest that any commander could hope to have. Some of the proudest moments of my life have been to observe and receive the recognition for your efforts, whether it be in inspections, real world missions, personal acts of heroism or exceptional performance. You are the best.

When I came to 10 AF, it took me a while to settle in; all my experience was in commanding units with a wartime mission and planning and executing those missions. When I looked at your performance, I found that you were all doing an outstanding job. I realized that my job was to understand and support your requirements. The 10 AF staff and I learned that our key processes included Readiness Facilitation and Resource Advocacy as well as Policy Formulation and Implementation. These translate into our RAV/SAV processes and making sure we consider the "customer" when we make changes or establish policy. I wish I could say we were always successful in the Policy area, but budget constraints and DOD policy sometimes drive what appears to the field to be counter to unit readiness and morale. Competition for dwindling resource is a fact of life, and I will

continue to fight for AFRC's fair share.

My closing comment is that although we've come a long way in our people programs, we are no where near where we have to be. Our efforts to establish greater diversity in our work force are just beginning and we must be ever vigilant to make sure we don't slip back into our old ways of hiring and advancing people just because they look and act like us. Make the effort to point out problem behaviors and correct them. Instill dignity, respect, and tolerance in your unit's core values.

Once again, let me say that it has been an honor and a privilege to have served as your commander these past seven years. I will be forever indebted to you for your support. I wish you all the best and hope that 1998 brings you and your loved ones good health and prosperity.

You are making a difference!

Every three seconds, someone needs blood. Members of the 507th ARW are continuing to help patients by participating in Oklahoma Blood Institute's (OBI) blood drive. The next two blood drives are scheduled for:

Sunday, April 5, 0900-1130 and 1300-1600,

and

Saturday, June 6, 0900-1130 and 1300-1600.

Again all donors will receive a free T-shirt.

During February's UTA, 64 donors gave blood. This is a 50 percent increase over the last six months.

In addition to helping patients, OBI donors receive free checks on blood pressure, temperature, pulse rate, iron, and cholesterol level.

Without blood from donor groups like the 507th ARW, many surgical procedures would not be possible for patients.

For more information, call CMSgt. Belinda Journey at 734-5543.

What's New!

CyberSpace



All messages posted to the bulletin board will expire in 90 days and automatically be removed.

If your post needs to be seen for a longer period of time, you will have to repost it. Please help to manage the timeliness of information by adjusting your posts accordingly.

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Communications Working Group

Help unit recruiters by giving them a name, or contact them directly by calling any of the following numbers:

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Tinker In-Service Recruiter

TSgt. Eric Glick
(405) 739-2980

Midwest City, OK

MSgt. Linda Smith
TSgt. Larry Wheatley
SSgt. Jody Sutton
(405) 733-9403

Tulsa, OK

MSgt. Michael Lugrand
(918) 665-2300

Sheppard AFB, TX

MSgt. Larry Giles
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Lawton, OK

TSgt. Larry Wheatley
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